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Clean-up of the Portland Superfund site is long overdue. The passing of time appears to have allowed the pollution in the Willamette River to become the norm, and the gradual contamination of fish to be just an "natural"

consequence of living in our local industrialized community. As a proponent of clean natural waters, and the health of our ecosystems, I strongly encourage the EPA to follow the most extensive proposed clean-up plan, for our river, our fish, our tribes, and the long term economic vitality of Portland, OR.

I would like to see not only extensive dredging, but thoughtful disposal of the contaminated sediments, away from the river, and its tributaries and natural run-offs. Anything less constitutes a "feel good" solution that rewards the industries that got us here in the first place.

Coincidentally, Portland, Vancouver, and our respective states, are facing decisions regarding the transport of oil by trains running through the Columbia Gorge. We have recently witnessed the consequences of wanton lack of careful track inspections on the part of the railroad company--the derailment in Mosier, OR, and the contaminated inferno. We have reached a tipping point in how much we are willing to allow corporations and their financial interests to supersede the interests of the communities which subsidize them. Fortunately the Washington Atty General determined the risks to the communities far outweighed the benefits of increasing oil transport and storage here.

This part of the country is rich in its natural wonders, and the traditions of fishing for salmon in our Willamette and in the Columbia. Please help us reverse the pollution of the salmon, flora, bird, mammals and the human habitat of the lower Willamette River. Please do not accept that "monitoring" will effect any positive changes for all of the above. The long period of delay since this crisis was first pointed out has been the equivalent of "monitoring," and I don't believe I have heard any studies that promote this as an effective clean-up strategy.

Thank you for your time and attention.

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